

HOUSE RESOLUTION 279

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cindy Collins Forsythe for her exemplary community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their lives to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Collins Forsythe is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; as a person whose heart sings when she is helping people, Mrs. Forsythe cannot find enough hours in the day to do everything she wants to do to help others; and

WHEREAS, born September 13, 1957, Cindy Collins Forsythe hails from the Bartlett/Ellendale community near Memphis in Shelby County; as far as she is concerned, she has two jobs: serving as Director of Little Bears Pre-School, and “making people happy”; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Forsythe is a highly respected member of her community, which she serves with her hobbies, including extraordinary domestic skills. She cooks for the doctors and nurses at the West Clinic, the Baptist Hospital Transplant Unit, the Office of Bone and Joint Surgery in Southaven, and the Bartlett Fire Department; for anyone she knows who is hurting or in need she makes a blanket, particularly for the patients at St. Jude Children’s Hospital, the West Clinic, Birthright, and Ave Maria Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Forsythe loves to see the children at St. Jude dragging around a “Brianna Bear” (so named for a little girl who died from cancer at St. Jude) from Little Bears, or one of her hand-made blankets; her fulfillment also comes from seeing a cancer patient covered with one of her blankets, made specially for him or her, and from receiving smiles from the firefighters, doctors, and nurses when she appears with morning muffins or a freshly-baked cake; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman, who believes that it is more important to give than to receive, advises others to get involved in community service by volunteering, or even to contribute by simply following the Golden Rule of “doing unto others as you would have them do unto you”; and

WHEREAS, as her legacy, Cindy Collins Forsythe hopes to develop a day camp which cancer patients and special-needs children and adults can visit and forget their troubles; she envisions a farm-like setting, permitting visitors to fish, picnic, relax, and find “their own little piece of heaven on Earth” for the day; and

WHEREAS, her full-time work of owning and operating Little Bear Pre-School notwithstanding, Cindy Collins Forsythe has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community throughout her exemplary tenure as a tireless and dedicated volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Collins Forsythe's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Collins Forsythe is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, currently, she is an active and devout member of Ellendale United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Collins Forsythe is enormously grateful for the love and companionship of her husband, Jim Forsythe; daughters, Lisa Anne Forsythe-Odom and LeighAllison Forsythe-Gardner; son, James David Forsythe; and grandchildren, Jessica Odom and Gracie Odom; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Collins Forsythe is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and

commend Cindy Collins Forsythe for her meritorious public service, especially at St. Jude Children's Hospital, applaud her stalwart dedication to improving the quality of life in her community and State, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.